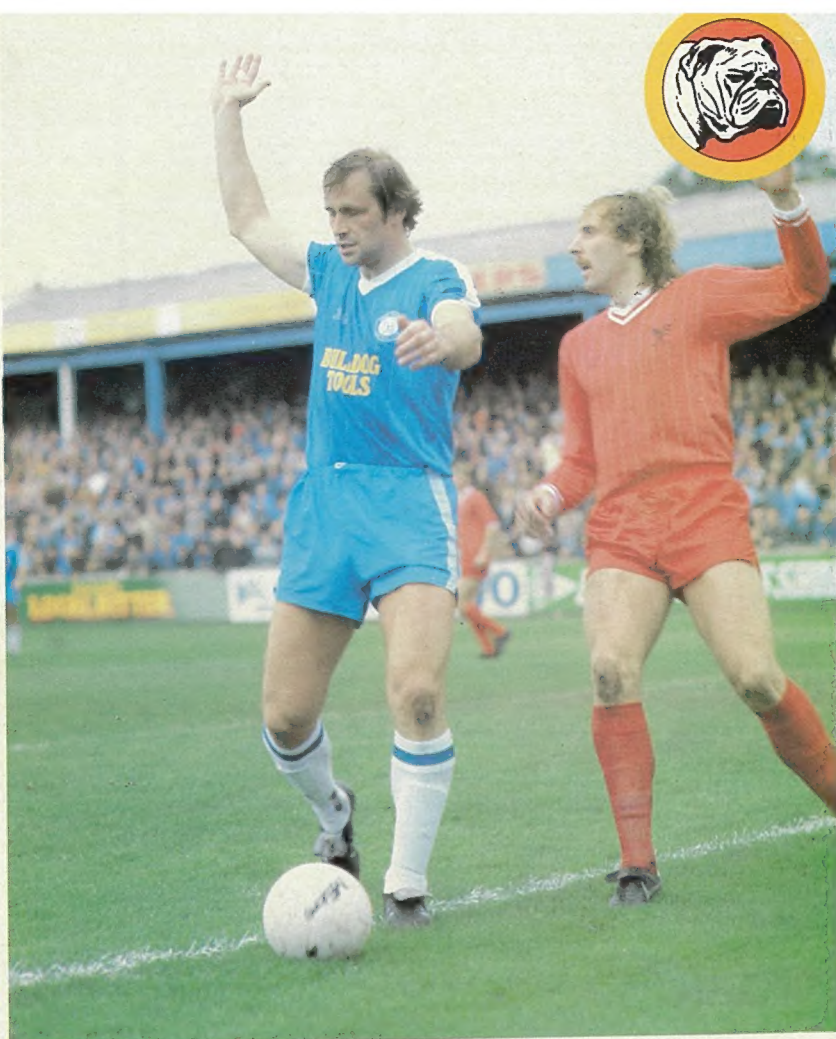


# SPRINGFIELD



# SCENE

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*Bill Mitchell*

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# Managers Notes

ALTHOUGH this column is written under the Manager's banner, I am writing it as a Director as I cannot disassociate myself with what has happened to the Chairman this week. In all his time at Wigan, Freddie Pye has only done what he thought was best for the Club and he has done nothing for which he need feel ashamed. Circumstances beyond his control have put the Club where it is now, with the recession and the collapse of the transfer market putting us in danger of folding. But having said that, what was within the control of the Board, that is our spending was done by the Board as a whole and I accept as much responsibility as the Chairman, as should all the Directors.

I am not sure if everybody realises that the Club's finances have been in a precarious state for some time and all the talk of "sudden panic" by the Board does not take into account all the efforts we have made over the last six months to salvage things. A fund raising meeting was called last year and poorly attended, the rights issue was held, both the local Council and Central Park where approached, and all of these were done to try and maintain the Club's solvency.

If Freddie Pye goes, as he says he will once the shares issue is sorted out, I feel that in all honesty that I must go with him, as many of the footballing decisions of the Board were instigated by the pair of us and I could not let Freddie Pye resign whilst I stayed.

Because of business commitments I have not been as involved with the players as much as I would have liked but Harry McNally has done a great job in my absence and I am grateful to him. My gratitude also goes to the players for the efforts they have given during my short stint as Manager. They are good players and have shown that they are capable of much better things. They are too good to go down but they do need your vocal support, so help them all you can. They are a good bunch of lads and are worthy of your help.

Best wishes,



**Bobby Charlton.**



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# THIRD DIVISION

## *Round Up*

by Harold Ashurst

THE demonstration by Oxford fans before last Saturday's game with Latics at the Manor Ground was rather more unpleasant than has been made out.

The whole thing started off simply enough when a few hundred fans staged a sit-in on the pitch.

Most of them left after the appointed 20 minutes but a group of yobbos decided to stay put and all the prompting and pleading wouldn't shift them.

After delaying the kick-off for almost 40 minutes the police arrived and moved the offenders, only for them to move in front of the Directors' Box and vent their anger in no uncertain fashion.

The fans were protesting against the proposed plan by Oxford Chairman

Robert Maxwell to merge the club with Reading and their incessant bombarding of the Directors' box with foul language prompted more than one person to get up and leave — including Mr. Maxwell.

It will be interesting to see what transpires.

Joe Hinnigan is proving to be something of a buy for Preston as they try and claw their way out of relegation trouble.

Joe's equaliser against Orient last Saturday was his fourth goal since he signed from Sunderland at Christmas. If Preston do go down then they don't have to pay Sunderland anything for Hinnigan but if they stay up, as looks likely, then they have to fork out £15,000. Strange deal that!

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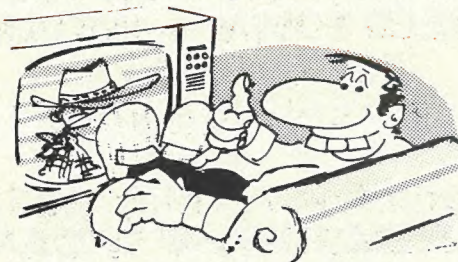


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# COMING UP NEXT

Monday, 2nd May, 1983

**HUDDERSFIELD TOWN -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC**

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

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Saturday, 7th May, 1983

**A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC**

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

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Saturday, 14th May, 1983

**WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- PRESTON NORTH END**

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#### WIGAN

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Branch left to join M5 to Junction 11  
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A40

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At next roundabout follow signs Cirencester A417  
Cirencester

Follow signs Swindon A419 and later Hungerford  
then Marlborough A345

Marlborough

Follow signs Salisbury along A346, A338, & A345  
Salisbury

Follow signs Ringwood A338

Ringwood

Follow signs Bournemouth A31 and shortly A338  
Junction with A3060

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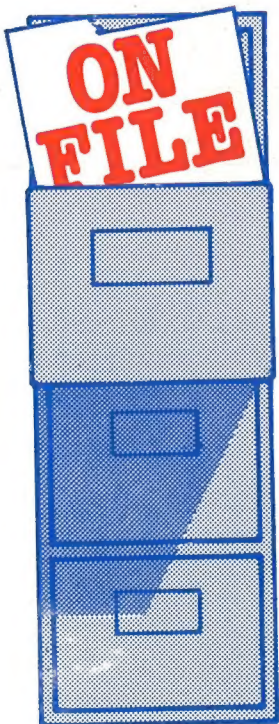
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THERE is no need for me to tell you the extend of good will which is felt towards the Latics by the people of Wigan. In this time of crisis, I am reminded of Bill Shankly's reply when asked if football was a matter of life and death, "Oh no", he said, "it's more important than that", and so it is to Latics fans. Being very much in the front line, we in the office have been humbled by the kinds of help offered and I must record just some of the gestures that have been made, so that if we do fail to survive, programme collectors will, by reading this, know that it wasn't for the want of trying.

We've had twenty pounds from a A.D. Wright with the message, "A contribution which I hope will help keep alive a club that has given me hours of enjoyment". The first ever Mascot, Andy Taylor of Orrell has sent us a pound, as has his eight year old brother who writes, "My name is Stuart Taylor and I am 8 years old, I would like to send my

pocket money to help Wigan Latics." A contribution was received from a Wiganer in exile in Whitley Bay in the North East, Mr. K.R. Barlow. We've got lottery agents handing over their commission and other money they've raised through coffee evenings and raffles, and the two girls Diane Wiggins and Karen Bythenay who raised over £30 at Oxford. And we've got members of staff offering to work a week for no wages, and all the magnificent people contributing to the Latics Lifeline. And a gesture well worth mentioning came from our programme printers, P.P.S., who are doing us a free 16 page special programme for the Preston game at no charge to the Club, all monies raised being their contribution to the fund.

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**Colin Burke.**





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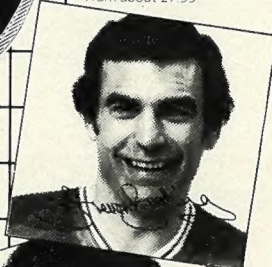
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# COMMERCIAL COLUMN

## URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL SUPPORTERS

IN the absence of the Commercial Manager, I have been asked to write this column to acquaint the supporters in general with the grave situation of the club.

As I have been connected with the commercial side for a good number of years, I would like to stress that it is more important *now* for every supporter to get behind the club in *any* way possible to provide the club with funds by the purchase of lottery tickets, souvenirs etc.

You will all know by now that a stay of liquidation has been granted. This only highlights the fact that the gravity of the situation will be more keenly felt now, than before, and it is up to each and every supporter, together

with the business fraternity of this town, to help in every way possible.

As you are well aware, the close season will soon be upon us, and this means that no liquid cash will be coming into the club, only through the medium of the Commercial Department, and I WOULD IMPORE EACH AND EVERY SUPPORTER to purchase one of our lottery tickets and help the survival of the club.

Get behind your team and thoroughly enjoy today's game, and by supporting us through the turnstiles, buying lottery tickets, etc. we can ensure that Wigan Athletic will keep in existence and football will be played at Springfield Park next season.

Best wishes,

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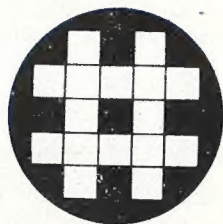
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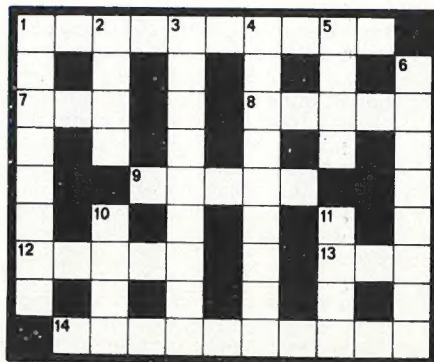
# PUZZLE PAGE



## ON THE BALL No. 25

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

**Harrison, perhaps; They come in pairs; One of the Jocks; McNeil, maybe.**



## SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 25 (compiled by David Peck)

### ACROSS

1. An ever-present for Luton last season, his goals helped them to promotion ... but not him, for he switched to Charlton (5,5)
7. This fixture is a knock-out! (3)
8. Oxford United's Ground sounds a posh place (5)
9. Chelsea are one of the clubs with this nickname (5)
12. Midfielder --- Harrison played his 200th League match for Plymouth in 1982 (5)
13. Forward --- Morrissey appeared in the colours of seven clubs (3)
14. Forward who began with Wolves in the 1960s, had a ton of turn-outs for Leicester then, after arriving via Cardiff, had twice as many for Northampton (10)

### DOWN

1. The name often given to a free-kick or corner situation (3-5)
2. For Wolves last season he wore six different numbers — one less than the number of goals which made him top scorer! (4)
3. No-one leads after such a goal (9)
4. Striker whose principal clubs have been Hull and Portsmouth — from where he went to Cardiff in the close season (9)
5. Hadley or Henry (4)
6. Club which parted company with its manager this season, apparently because of the team's 'boring' football (8)
10. Penalty --- (4)
11. Penalty --- (4)

## CLUB CLUE No. 25

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club:

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## MIXED DOUBLES No. 25

Re-order the letters in each of the words **ITCHIER** and **CREMATE** to find the names of two men called Andy.

## QUICK QUIZ No. 25

1. Who was 'The Flying Flea'?
2. Which of Oxford and Cambridge joined the League first?
3. Who fielded Holmes and Watson in some recent seasons?
4. What is the height of the goal in *metres*?
5. Which was the last club to win the European Cup in a final played on its own ground?

Answers on page 12.





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# THE LOCAL VIEW

BY GEOFF KEMP

AS LOCAL soccer reaches its climax what a time Bryn Gates are having!

They look certain to take the Second Division title in the Wigan Amateur League, last week they finished as runners-up in their divisional cup competition, and next Tuesday they come to Springfield Park for the final of the Laithwaite Shield.

The semi-finals of the Laithwaite Shield (a competition open to all Amateur League clubs) provided a double shock when underdogs fought their way through to the final at the expense of Premier Division sides.

Last year's Shield winners Wigan Youth, riding high in the top division, took on Bryn Gates — the equivalent of Manchester United playing Portsmouth. A tense match followed, and went into extra-time with no goals scored.

Only five minutes from the end of the additional time Bryn Gates put away the only goal of the game when Halliwell broke through Youth's defence and lifted the ball over the 'keeper's head and into the net.

The other remaining Premier Division side, Heinz 57, played Abram FC from Division One — and also came in for a shock. After Heinz had squandered first half chances Abram took the lead after 49 minutes when Collier forced the ball home after a goalmouth scramble. Further goals from Roberts and Barrow gave the underdogs a convincing 3-0 victory.

In the Davenport Cup Final for Second Division sides Bryn Gates had their first big set-back on the trophy trail when beaten 3-1 by Newburgh United. Goals from Donnolly, Watt and Peterson gave Newburgh the cup, with Broad getting Bryn Gates only reply.

The Bryn Gates team have the chance to hold a winners' trophy aloft in the Laithwaite Shield here on Tuesday — and it should be a superb game. The meeting of Bryn Gates and Abram is virtually a local derby — the two club's grounds literally within a stone's throw of one another.

Will the Bryn Gates underdogs triumph again or will Abram break their spell. Why not come along and find out?

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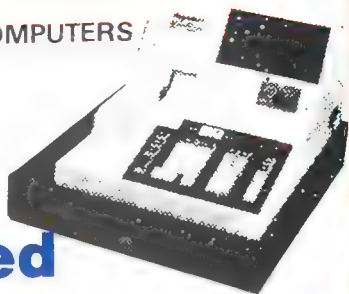


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Graham Barrow tries to beat the 'keeper to the ball in the game v. Cardiff. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.

# What the papers say...

## THE MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS

### "WIGAN BATTLE TO TAME THE DRAGON"

**Wigan Athletic 0 Cardiff City 0**  
High-rising Cardiff City steam-rolled home team Wigan in the opening stages today and could have been put up in the first ten minutes.

Cardiff ripped open Wigan's right flank repeatedly and after three minutes Geoff Hemmerman vainly appealed for hands from Steve Walsh as he put in a close range shot and then saw 'keeper Tunks palm over a second attempt.

The same player hammered one over the bar after John Lewis had carved out a corner and Bob Hatton headed over from another corner.

But Wigan counter-attacked with Alex Cribley making a great run through the centre of the City defence and Dibble had to race out to save at his feet.

O'Keefe had a chance but his shot was charged down by the Cardiff defence.

Roy Tunks raced out to save at Hemmermans feet and O'Keefe was booked following a clash with Gary Bennett.

Wigan forced four quick corners but Butler drove wide and Phil Dwyer kicked another chance clear.

## THE SUNDAY MIRROR

Wigan, perilously close to the relegation zone, dominated the game after an early offensive by promotion-hunting Cardiff petered out.

But even when Cardiff's outstanding defender Gary Bennett received his marching orders for dissent in the 77th minute, Athletic couldn't cash in.

Wigan, who have scored only five goals in their last 12 games, underlined their problems who they failed to convert their phenomenal work-rate into goals.

## THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

### "WIGAN HELD BY 10 MEN"

Cardiff's talented centre-back Gary Bennett was sent off and four other players were booked in a bruising battle at Springfield Park.

Wigan, fighting the threat of relegation, badly missed someone to stick the ball in the net as they battered away at Cardiff's tough defence in a thrilling second-half.

Promotion-chasing Cardiff should have had the game sewn up by half-time and their early form suggested they were a good promotion bet.

But driven on by Graham Barrow from midfield, Wigan gradually hauled themselves into the game Cardiff 'keeper Andrew Dibble, back after an absence of 10 games, came to their rescue diving to save at the feet of Alex Cribley as he weaved past three players and into the penalty corner. Wigan forced corner after corner, but with Bennett in sparkling form Cardiff's defence held firm.

Eamon O'Keefe was booked as Wigan took control as their fighting spirit forced Cardiff into their own half for the final 50 minutes.

Phil Dwyer and Bennett scrambled the ball away as Wigan threatened to open the scoring, but tempers became frayed and Barrow, Bennett and Cardiff's Linden Jones and John Lewis were all booked for fouls.

Steve Walsh saw a header bounce off the bar and Dibble punched away a dangerous cross from Cribley as Wigan kept up the pressure.

But even against 10 men in the final 13 minutes Wigan couldn't make their possession felt.

## THE DAILY MIRROR

### "WIGAN LIFT GLOOM — AT THE DOUBLE"

**Plymouth A. 0 Wigan Athletic 2**  
Crisis-club Wigan completed the double over Plymouth with two goals in a two-minute spell midway through the second half.

In the 70th minute Eamon O'Keefe ran on to a pass from Kevin Sheldon and drove the ball home from 20 yards.

Two minutes later John Butler found himself in space and ran on to hit a shot which was blocked by Plymouth 'keeper Geoff Cradginton, who was unable to hold the ball as it bounced off him into the net.

The best scoring efforts before the interval came from Plymouth with Lindsay Smith, Tony Dennis, Leigh Cooper and Kevin Hodges all forcing good saves from Roy Tunks.

## THE DAILY STAR

### "EAMON DELIGHT"

Eamon O'Keefe, once rejected by Plymouth, returned to Home Park for the first time to inspire Wigan's triumph.

Wigan, were under the threat until the 70th minute. Then O'Keefe struck with a lethal 20-yard drive. Their next raid two minutes later brought a second goal from John Butler, who punished Plymouth's confused defence.

Wigan's back four earned their team the chance of victory by stifling all Plymouth's earlier efforts to break through.

## THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

### "ATHLETIC'S AWAY-DAY DISASTER"

**Oxford Utd. 2 Wigan Athletic 0**  
Oxford United's slight hopes of promotion to Division Two were kept alive by their two-goal victory over Wigan — but their performance was hardly promotion material.

They didn't have to do much to beat Wigan, but as the Northerners have lost 13 away games this season, that's not saying much.

After a tense first-half, full of missed opportunities, Oxford showed some improvement, but managed only one more goal. Roy Tunks, in the Wigan goal, pulled off three fine saves, but Oxford's poor finishing was the main reason for the low scoring.

Wigan rarely troubled the home defence, and when referee John Moules finally called a halt to the proceedings, the home fans were content enough.

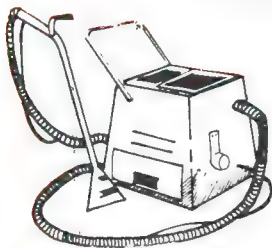
George Lawrence scored Oxford's first goal in the 41st minute with his first real opportunity and was one of four home forwards who helped Andy Thomas to a second goal in the 65th minute.



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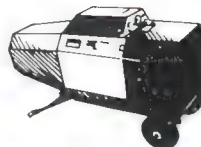
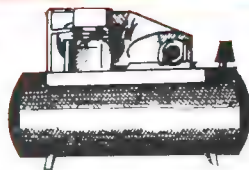
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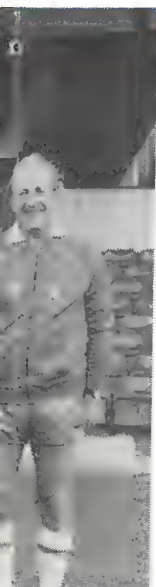


record of 31 Football League goals in a season. **Most appearances:** Hughie Russell (1960-70) City (Southern League), 184; 1946 and six by John Merthyr (Div. 3 South Wales). **Most goals in career:** 100; 1963-75. **Managers:** John Simpson (1963-75); **Record Transfer Fee:** £10,000; 1975 to Colchester United; 1976 to January 1981. **Records:** 1976 from Charlton for £10,000; December 1976. **Players:** Damien Richards (1972-73 and 1975-76); one for England (1975-76). **Managers:** Archie Hunter (1962-66); Harry Barratt 1955-56; 1962-66; Basil Fothergill 1966-67; Andy Nelson 1967-68.



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**MICKY ADAMS (Fullback)** One of several players on the staff who has blossomed after changing position. Originally a left winger with a powerful shot he had only occasional first team appearances until converting to left back last term. Mick took over in the first team midway through the season and made the position his own. He joined the Gills as an apprentice in August 1978 and became a full professional in October of the following year. Born: Sheffield.

**RICHIE BOWMAN (Midfield)** Industrious midfielder who missed the second part of last season through injury after being signed from Reading for £25,000 in August. He registered 30 goals in 194 FL appearances for the Elm Park side and was previously with Charlton where he netted 31 in exactly 300 games. Born: Lewisham.

**DICK TYDEMAN (Midfield)** The team's play maker now in his second spell with the Club after being resigned from Charlton in August 1981. Dick first joined the Gills as an apprentice in the summer of 1967 and made his League debut in October 1969. He accumulated 324 first team appearances before following manager Andy Nelson to the Valley for a fee of around £70,000 in December 1976. For Charlton he scored seven goals in 158 matches in the League. Born: Chatham.

**MARK WEATHERLY (Central Defender)** A change of positions worked wonders for him when he was pressed into service as a central defender at the outset of 1978-79. Although at first reluctant to play there, he did so well that he finished as just about everybody's choice as Player of the Year. Mark, as a striker and occasional midfield player, became a full professional in December 1975 after completing his apprenticeship. Born: Ramsgate.

**JOHN SHARPE (Fullback)** Popular,

tough-tackling defender who has twice recovered from lengthy spells on the injured list to win back his place in the first team. John joined the Gills in October 1978 from Southampton in exchange for a £30,000 fee. He linked up with the Saints from school and progressed through the ranks to make his League debut in March 1977. Born: Portsmouth.

**PETER SHAW (Central Defender)** Helped Charlton to promotion in 1981 and made over 100 appearances London club before being signed by Keith Peacock in February 1982 to solve an injury crisis at Priestfield. This big, experienced defender is one of a growing number to emerge from non-league football. Peter was playing for Staines when spotted by Charlton. Born: Northolt.

**JOHN SITTON (Defender)** Signed as a fullback, but it was his excellent displays in central defence that went down well with Priestfield patrons last season. John kicked off his career as an apprentice at Stamford Bridge where he graduated to full professional status and first team recognition. From there he moved on to Millwall and thence to Gillingham, for £10,000 in September 1981. Born: Hackney.

**TONY CASCARINO (Forward)** From the comparative anonymity of Kent League football to the Football League was the considerable transition made by this tall, young striker last season. Snapped up from Crockenhill in January, he made a sensational debut a month later and held down a regular place for the remainder of the season. Born: St. Paul's Cray.

**RON HILLYARD (Goalkeeper)** Long serving Ron is now in his ninth season with the Club. Ever reliable, he has been first choice for the green jersey ever since his arrival from York City in 1974 and is fast approaching 400 appearances. Born: Rotherham.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

After months of hard work and many sleepless nights the players, coaches and trainers of our Under-12's and Under-13's soccer teams tasted success this week. The Under-12's, under the guidance of Geoff and Maureen Gregory and trainer Dave Smith, lifted the Martlet Cup in the final held at Leyland Motor's ground in Chorley. Before the final's biggest ever crowd, Graham Barrow presented the trophy to the boys after beating Charnock Richard 4-2 in a pulsating final.

The Under-13's management team of Peter Jackson and Keith Blundell had smiles as wide as the River Mersey after clinching the Warrington Hilden League title last week. With just one more game to play, and that's tomorrow at Intex in Golborne, the Under-13's have dropped just three points from a possible 58 in this, their first full season. But that's not the end of it, for they have the Hilden League Cup Final next Saturday at the Tetley Walker ground in Warrington, Kick-off 12.30 p.m. If you want to see something a bit special come and give the lads a shout. Whatever happens to Latics in the next weeks, we must keep these teams together.

Our final meeting of the season takes place on Monday, 9th March at 7.00 p.m.

### TODAY'S MASCOT

Our mascot today is Stuart Fairhurst. Stuart lives in Alvanley Close, Kitt Green and attends Lamberhead Green Junior School.

His hobbies include football, swimming, cycling and fishing, and Stuart does not have a favourite player — he likes them all!

Have a nice day Stuart.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



# JUNIOR LATICS



# Half Time Gossip

THE following letter has been recently received from an Oxford supporter:-

Dear Sir,

May, I through your match programme, extend my warmest appreciation to those loyal Wigan Athletic fans after their long journey to the Manor Ground for the Oxford United v. Wigan match who gave us, the true Oxford United supporters their support for our protest against the proposed merger with Reading F.C.

I thought it was fantastic the way both sets of fans were able to mix and exchange views on Saturday in a united stand against losing both home teams, as we know your supporters are worried about their future.

We apologise for the extra delay before kick-off, but we had to make our feelings felt to Mr. Maxwell and the Nation as a whole.

I hope someone with a keen interest in football can put the cash in that can save Wigan FC. We at United give our total support to the Wigan fans as they gave to us. *Please print this.* Once again, thank you, the true football supporters and Wigan F.C.

Yours in sport,

Paul Newbold, Cowley, Oxford.

★ ★ ★

David Lowe looks set to start the 1983/84 Season well. He has been selected for the England Youth Under-18 squad to tour Denmark in July.

★ ★ ★

Local Cup tournaments being held at Springfield Park are the Laithwaite Shield (on Tuesday, 3rd May), the Lancashire Evening Post Sunday League Cup (Sunday, 22nd May) and the Wigan Cup (Monday, 23rd May). With all the re-arranged Central League fixtures, this means that the pitch will have to host ten games in four weeks.

★ ★ ★

Enquiries are coming in from collectors for what could be the Latics last ever programme published for the Preston game. Secretary Colin Burke says: "They're like vultures. I've told them if that's all they can think about when the club is in danger they can forget it". Anyway, it won't be the last one if we can help it!"

★ ★ ★

Junior Latics will be doing a lap of honour with their League and Cup trophies before the Preston game.

★ ★ ★

Reserve team manager Mick Clarke was forced to act as substitute in the Central League match at Bolton. The aged Clarke was reputed to be racing round the dressing room at Burnden Park desperately looking for some dubbing for his ankle-high boots.

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*Graham Barrow misses the Bournemouth game for accumulating 22 penalty points. Steve Walsh has now got 32 points and misses both the Bournemouth and Preston games.*

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**Rugby Wedding Congratulations** to a good supporter Bob Harrison and Elsie. From Harry, Lena and Karen.

**DON'T FORGET** This is a free service for Latics Supporters. All messages should be handed in, or 'phoned through to the Club by the Monday morning before Saturday, and the Friday morning before mid-week games. Please make your messages as short as possible.

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*David Lowe brings out a great save from the 'keeper, whilst the defender in the background directs the traffic in last week's game v. "The Bluebirds". Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.*



*Alex Cribley breaks through the Cardiff defense. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.*



*Steve Walsh heads towards goal, but hits the crossbar in last week's game v. Cardiff. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.*



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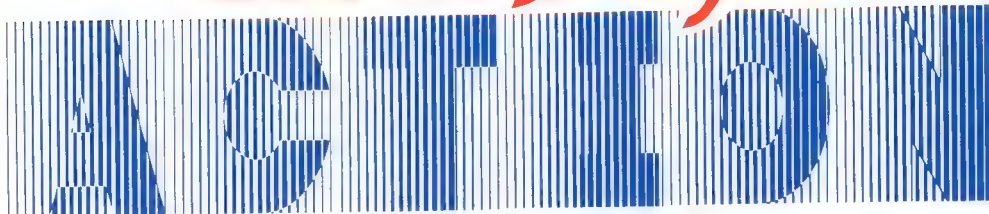
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*Colin Methven*

# Central League



## **Bolton Wanderers 1, Wigan Athletic 3 Wednesday, 20th April, 1983**

Injuries made it extremely difficult to get a Latics team together for this match and the squad of twelve contained seven non-contract players, including Reserve team coach Mick Clarke who was forced to brush the dust off his boots and pull on the Number 12 shirt. The result, then, was a great one for the Club but anyone who watched the game had no doubts that the victory was well deserved.

The difference between the two teams in this excellent game was that the Latics

wanted to play whereas the Bolton side looked as if they just wanted to get out of the rain. And what rain it was, lashing down continuously throughout the game. But the Wigan team ignored the conditions and played the kind of determined game which we have come to expect of them. With plenty of skill and spirit, the Latics battled into an early lead and never looked back. Fine goals by Andrew Wilson (two) and Graham Hatton capped a fine all round performance with Andy Gray in goal having a spectacular game.

### **TEAM GRAY**

GLENN  
DEAKIN  
WILSON

MCMAHON  
YOUNG  
HATTON

GREEN

SHAW  
WILLIAMS

ASPINALL

Sub: Clarke

## **Wigan Athletic 1, Middlesbrough 1 Tuesday, 26th April, 1983.**

Despite the fact that both goals came in the first half of this game, it was the second half which proved to be a real event. The first forty-five minutes had seen Andy Wilson score his third goal in two games to equal the score against a skilful Middlesbrough side who started clear favourites. But during the interval, over 400 people who had been attending the Latics Lifeline meeting in the Supporters' Club moved into the stand and what a reception they gave the amazed Latics team as they resumed the field. A roar

that was deafening by Reserve game standards was followed by the chant of "Wigan, Wigan" which inspired the lads to a tremendous display which should have seen them the victors. Great work by Young, Wilson and Les Bradd in particular made for an exciting half which saw David Lowe, David Young and Andy Wilson go close on several occasions, with Andy Gray pulling off a spectacular save which pleased the crowd no end. A great ovation marked the final whistle and it was pleasing that such a fine display had such a fine audience.

### **TEAM GRAY**

HATTON  
WILSON  
LOWE

MCMAHON  
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HOUGHTON

BRADD

YOUNG  
WILLIAMS

ASPINALL

Sub: Schofield

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THURSDAY, 5th MAY 1983 at 7.00 p.m.  
LATICS -v- SUNDERLAND  
TUESDAY, 10th MAY, 1983  
LATICS -v- PRESTON NORTH END**



# *Supporters Club*

# SPOTLIGHT

GOOD afternoon. Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Gillingham A.F.C. to Springfield today. We hope to see as good a game as the Cardiff match with a valuable three points to improve our League position.

## **LIFELINE FUND**

At the time of going to press I have no details of the meeting held in the club last Tuesday, but I'm sure that we will have had a tremendous attendance. We aim to see that Wigan Athletic survives, and every effort will be made to see that football will be played at Springfield next season. We've got to all help in any way we can to ensure that Wigan doesn't lose a fine club. Thanks go to Diane Wiggins and Karen Bythenay who travelled to Plymouth and Oxford and collected over £40.00 for our cause. We need more people like Diane and Karen, so the plea to our supporters is "Save our Team". The club belongs to you, the people of Wigan!

## **SUPPORTERS' CLUB BADGES**

These are now on sale, price £1, available in the Supporters' Club.

Members please note that due to the present situation, subscriptions have been frozen.

Enjoy today's game.

Call in for a pint and a lottery ticket after the match. Your team needs your support.

**Chris Coffey, Chairman.**

# FACTS + FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.  
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.  
† Player substituted.

\*Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.  
\*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1982																
Aug. 28	Lincoln City	A	1-2	3,196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers†	Butler
Aug. 30	Stockport (M.C. 1 1 leg)	A	1-1	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD	H	3-2	5,012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd†	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	3-2	5,362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Langley
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A	2-3	3,850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 1 2 leg)	H	6-5	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Wals
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-2	4,866	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Rogers
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A	0-2	2,825	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Butler†	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmil	Rogers
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A	6-3	4,457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton†	Gemmil	Butler
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H	3-0	5,011	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley†	Cribley	Bradd†	Houghton	Gemmil	Glenn
Oct. 5	MANCHESTER CITY (M.C. 2 1 leg)	H	1-1	12,194	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmil	Langley
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	H	4-0	4,704	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmil	Butler
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	A	0-4	4,439	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmil	Butler
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	H	0-1	4,504	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe†	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmil	Williams
Oct. 23	Reading	A	1-2	2,621	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Lowe	Lloyd†	Methven	Butler	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmil	Langley
Oct. 27	Manchester City (M.C. 2 2nd leg)	A	0-2	16,083	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Lowe†	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmil	Butler
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H	0-1	4,108	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Lowe†	Walsh	Methven	Butler†	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmil	Langley
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A	1-2	2,399	Tunks	Langley	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmil	Lowe
Nov. 6	Orient	A	1-1	2,226	Tunks	Cribley	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmil	Langley
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	H	3-1	4,456	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Steel	Walsh	Methven	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton†	Gemmil	Sheldon
Nov. 21	TELFORD U (FA Cup 1st R)	H	0-0	4,805	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe
Nov. 23	Telford U (FA Cup 1st Rd Replay)	A	1-2	5,085	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A	2-0	3,952	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Shaw	Butler	Lowe	Weston	Williams
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U.	H	3-2	5,015	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Butler	Shaw	Steel†	Lowe	Weston	Williams
Dec. 17	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-1	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Walsh	Methven	Langley	Glenn	Butler	Lowe†	Weston	Bradd
Dec. 27	Wrexham	A	1-1	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley†	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd
Dec. 29	WALSALL	H	1-3	4,564	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley†	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd



## FACTS+FIGURES

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# Comments from the Chair

GOOD afternoon and welcome to our visitors today from Gillingham. This is probably the last time I will be writing this column. You have read in the press that I have decided to resign as Chairman as soon as I have tied things up with Mr. Tom Hitchen and got the clubs shares back in Wigan hands. I feel this is the only right and proper way of doing things.

The financial state of the club, which could still cause it's downfall, is without any shadow of a doubt due to the push for promotion last season and our not receiving the anticipated returns in the Third Division. I do not blame anybody for that. We expected that going into a higher Division would cover any shortfall arising from promotion, but that has not been the case. If our supporters were asked last season whether or not we should have pushed the boat out to go up I know that the answer would have been a massive "Yes". I feel sure that one way or another the club can survive if we all keep our cool, but economies and cost cutting will have to be enormous and that is something that the supporters would not have put up with last season. We are suffering from our own success and have been caught out by the recession, the state of the transfer market and the success at Central Park.

I must mention that I have had a very



pleasing 'phone call from one of the Wigan Rugby Directors offering a certain amount of financial help. This was most heart-warming and if some of the people who turned Tuesday night's meeting into a fiasco adopted the same attitude and went about things constructively, maybe the Club can be saved. I drove up to that meeting after travelling from the Football League Chairman's Meeting with the intention of addressing it. Firstly, I could not get through the doors of the Supporters' Club and when it was moved to the stand, I could not even get into the Directors box to address our PROPER supporters. It seems clear that certain IMPROPER supporters thought the meeting was going to be a public execution.

I have had 35 years in football and this is the first time that people have thought it necessary to abuse me. The only thing I ever wanted for Wigan Athletic was for them to do well, but on reflection and being wise after the event it is now obvious that we should have finished fifth last season and had a winning team in the Fourth Division. Then, perhaps, our current problems would not have arisen.

Enjoy the game,

Freddie Pye.



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- 2 Kevin Langley
- 3 Jimmy Weston
- 4 Graham Barrow
- 5 Colin Methven
- 6 Steve Walsh
- 7 Kevin Sheldon
- 8 Alex Cribley
- 9 David Lowe
- 10 Eamon O'Keefe
- 11 John Butler
- 12 Peter Houghton

# TEAM CHECK

## OFFICIALS

**Referee:**  
**MR. J.M. KEY**  
(Rotherham)

Began refereeing in 1970 in local leagues. Progressed from Sheffield County Senior Leagues, then via Yorkshire League to Northern Premier League and Football League List.

A married man, with two sons, he is an Electrical Clerk of Works and is interested in all sports, keeping fit and photography.

### Linesmen:

(Red Flag) **Mr. J. Callaghan** (Liverpool)  
(Yellow Flag) **Mr. M.S. Dickman** (Parkgate, S. Wirral)

## FOR YOUR RECORDS

H.T. SCORE .....  
F.T. SCORE .....  
ATTENDANCE .....  
**SCORERS** .....  
LATICS .....  
VISITORS .....



**GILLINGHAM**  
(All Red)

- 1 Ron Hillyard
- 2 John Sharpe
- 3 Micky Adams
- 4 John Sitton
- 5 Peter Shaw
- 6 Dick Tydeman
- 7 Jeff Johnson
- 8 Richie Bowman
- 9 Mark Weatherly
- 10 Dave Mehmet
- 11 Tony Cascarino
- 12 Dean Horrix.

**"HERE NEXT"**  
Saturday, 14th May, 1983  
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.  
at **PRESTON NORTH END**  
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE